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Case No. **P1584 US**  
(2650/102)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

RICHARD THOMAS

Serial No.

Examiner:

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Group Art Unit:

Title: STENT WITH IMPROVED DRUG  
LOADING CAPACITY

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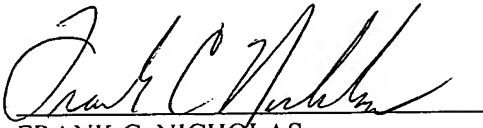
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicant would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449.

Applicant believes that none of the listed references, alone or in combination disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed invention.

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	6,156,373	12/05/2000	ZHONG ET AL.		
	A2	6,120,847	09/19/2000	YANG ET AL.		
	A3	6,090,127	07/18/2000	GLOBERMAN		
	A4	5,972,027	10/26/1999	JOHNSON		
	A5	5,421,955	06/06/1995	LAU ET AL.		
	A6	5,292,331	03/08/1994	BONEAU		
	A7	5,133,732	07/28/1992	WIKTOR		
	A8	5,011,494	04/30/1991	VON RECUM ET AL.		
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